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Patents

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4. U.S. Patent No. 5,727,458, issued March 17, 1998, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Contour Multi-Level Embossing With Perforation Bonding in Selected Spaced Locations", of *Schulz*.

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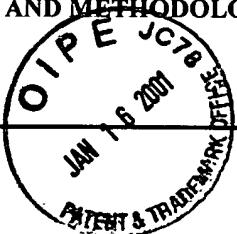
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